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Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

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On page 1, please delete the section beginning on line 1, captioned "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" and replace such deleted section with the following replacement section:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/210,430, filed on August 1, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/323,326, filed on September 20, 2001, each of which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____, entitled "Egg Handling Pasteurization Apparatus and Method," bearing Attorney Docket No. 17306/106, filed on the even date herewith, which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto and which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/210,430, filed on August 1, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/323,326, filed on September 20, 2001.--.